Dear colleague,

This is in continuation with the D.O. No.O-110011/01/2014/NRHM-II, dated March 19th 2018 regarding the entrance examination for the selection of Mid - Level Health Care Providers for the IGNOU Bridge Programme for Certificate in Community Health. The order provided information on timelines and activities to ensure a transparent conduct of the selection process for the candidates.

As you are aware, the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC) has been extending technical support to states by providing the requisite number of question papers for the entrance examination and deputing observers for each examination centre in all states for the first two batches. This was undertaken based on requests made by the state and considering the fact that this was the first attempt to conduct the same.

However, now that the states are scaling up the Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Health & Wellness Centres, the number of candidates applying for this position has increased significantly. In view of the large-scale selection, it will not be feasible for NHSRC to make the printed question papers available across all the examination centres in the states.

We, therefore suggest that all states plan to identify an agency/institution that could undertake this process independently. The suggested options for the agencies to conduct screening examination and recruitment of Mid- Level Health Providers for enrolment in the July 2018 cycle of IGNOU Programme for Certificate in Community Health are:

1. The Panel of HR Recruitment Agencies for Recruitment Services for National/State/UT Health Missions empanelled by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for recruitments under the National Health Mission is placed as Annexure1. (Also available at: http://nhsrcindia.org/sites/default/files/L1ST%20OF%20EMPANELLED%20HR%20RECRUITMENT%20AGENCIES%20with%20contact.pdf). The empanelment of these agencies is valid up to 25th July 2018.

2. State could also identify other suitable organization such as State Government Selection Boards, State Government Examination Authority, Banking Service Recruitment Board, Health Universities/ other reputed Academic institutions – Indian Institute of Management or any other agencies deemed appropriate.

NHSRC would facilitate the process by providing a question bank to develop the question papers, and also depute observers if requested by the state. However, the question bank will only be indicative and the States must devise their own question paper. The timelines for this selection process will continue to be the same as specified in the D.O. No. O-110011/01/2014/NRHM-II.

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